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NEW BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION PLANS TAKE SHAPE

LAKE OSWEGO- Interested and affected parties are invited to an informational meeting about plans for the demolition and replacement of the Oswego Canal Bridge at City Hall on Tuesday, July 26, at 6:30 p.m.

Due to its heavy use on South Shore Boulevard, the bridge removal and construction will have a variety of temporary impacts to traffic routes, boat access, and nearby neighborhoods. Staff will be on hand to discuss construction impact zones, detour routes, canal access, and a tentative construction schedule. Questions from attendees will be welcomed.

The ailing, 71 year old bridge partially collapsed in December 2002, prompting City officials to close it to traffic until a temporary system of supports could be put in place. State transportation funds were allocated to fund the replacement in late 2003. The plans are now complete, the contractor has been selected, and demolition and reconstruction of the bridge will take place in coming months.

The contractor, Natt McDougall Company, was responsible for repairing the bridge back in 2002, and completed that work ahead of schedule. As with the previous repairs, this project will be expedited to ensure that any adverse impacts resulting from the work are minimized and as temporary as possible.

Replacement of the bridge is just one of many significant projects slated for this summer. "It is proving to be a busy construction season here in Lake Oswego," said Citizen Information Coordinator Josh Thomas, "The Headlee Walkway on Lakewood Bay, Foothills Park on the Willamette River, the development at Second Street and B Avenue, and the lower level of George Rogers Park are all currently underway."

Further updates on the Oswego Canal Bridge will be available online as they occur at <http://www.ci.oswego.or.us/engineer/construction/cnstnews.htm>, or by calling the Engineering Department at 503-635-0270.